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BY HAND AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 03-45

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing please find AT&T Communications of New England, Inc.'s Responses to *The Department of Telecommunication and Energy's First Set of Information Requests*.

A portion of AT&T's responses to *The Department of Telecommunication and Energy's First Set of Information Requests* contains AT&T Confidential Information. Enclosed herewith are public and proprietary versions of the responses and AT&T's Motion for Protective Treatment.

Please date stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to the waiting messenger. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay E. Gruber